

***Scrobipalpa artemisiella* (Treitschke) (Lep.: Gelechiidae), a larval description**

Stainton (1865, *The natural history of the Tineina* IX: p214 and plate VII) describes the larva of *Scrobipalpa artemisiella* (Treitschke) (then *Gelechia artemisiella*) as "Greenish, with a dark greyish-green dorsal line, and similar subdorsal lines; ordinary spots minute black, in pale rings; the head pale-brown, darker behind, with the mouth and sides black; second segment yellowish-green, rather marbled with brown." There is no mention of the colour of the legs; the thoracic legs appear transparent in the illustration, which otherwise follows the description, but the prolegs are not shown. Meyrick ([1928], *A revised Handbook of British Lepidoptera*) follows Stainton, in a condensed form.

I have bred *S. artemisiella* from west Cornwall on several occasions. Each time I have noticed that the larva has not agreed with Stainton's description but has been as follows: head and prothoracic plate black; body dull brownish-green, dorsal, subdorsal and lateral lines purplish-brown, second thoracic segment dark purplish-brown; pinacula small, black; anal plate blackish; thoracic legs black; prolegs concolorous with body.

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**Further records of *Gelechia senticetella* (Staudinger) (Lep.: Gelechiidae)**

Langmaid (1994) reviews the first three records of this species in Great Britain. On 13th July 1994 and 3rd August 1994 further single examples of this species came to actinic light in my back garden at Raynes Park, Surrey (VC17). This identification was confirmed by examination of the genitalia of the July specimen (a male). These captures constitute a new vice-county record for the species. A few other examples of what were probably this species were seen at the trap at around the same time, but these were not retained or noted as their significance (and indeed identity) was not realised at the time.

**Reference:** Langmaid J.R., 1994. A third British record of *Gelechia senticetella* (Staudinger) (Lepidoptera: Gelechiidae). *Entomologist's Gazette*, **45**: 36.

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**The Small Rufous, *Coenobia rufa*, Haw. (Lep.: Noctuidae) in Buckinghamshire**

On 29th July 1994 I took at light a specimen of *Coenobia rufa* at Stoke Hammond, North Buckinghamshire.

As far as can be ascertained this appears to be a new county record for this species. – G.E. HIGGS, The Cottage, Willen, Milton Keynes MK15 9AD.